

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A zoom lens includes first to fourth lenses in order from an object side. The first lens has negative refracting power and a concave surface thereof faces the object side. The second and fourth lenses have positive refracting power. The third lens has negative refracting power. The zoom lens as a whole is constituted of a first lens group having positive refracting power, and a second lens group having negative refracting power. The following conditions are satisfied, $-2.7 < f_s/f_1 < -1.7$
 $-1.1 < f_1/f_2 < -0.9$ and $1.0 < r_1/f_1 < 3.0$, wherein f_s denotes a focal length of the overall system at a wide-angle end, f_1 and f_2 denote focal lengths of the first and second lenses respectively, and r_1 denotes a radius of curvature at the object side of the first lens.